

GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28
Zech. 10:1
Psa. 104:16a
John 14:16
John 15:26
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John 7:38
Luke 24:49
Acts 1:8
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Acts 8:17
Acts 10:44-46
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GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49
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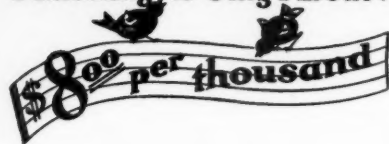
*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18.*



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God Never Fails

CHATTANOOGA 4, Tenn.—Dear Readers, I have received three Evangelists for which I am grateful. I enjoy reading them very much. There is nothing else I enjoy better than going to the Church of God. I believe there is no other way. A little over a year ago I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and am praising God for it. I will never get through praising the Lord. My sister, Mrs. Vora Dyer, who lives at Bessemer, Ala., had the Evangelist sent to me. I can truly say that God never fails and will answer prayer.

I have a boy in the service of our country, was overseas a year and was wounded and is now in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn. God answered my prayer and sent my boy home. He is a Christian. Please pray for him. Also pray for my body to be healed.—Mrs. Omie Tipton, 1401 E. 16th St.

I'm Glad I Learned To Trust Him

NATCHEZ, Miss.—I praise the Lord for salvation through the blood, and the great healing power. I gave my heart to God six years ago and He has been a wonderful Savior to me, blessed me in many ways.

Sunday was the first time I had been seriously sick since I received the Holy Ghost. I took a severe pain in my side, seemingly more than I could bear. I called the saints, sent a telegram to Headquarters and other pastors, and trusted God. He let the mighty healing virtue run through my very being, and, praise the Lord, I am healed.

Oh, I am glad I learned to trust Him and take Him at His word. I love Him and want my life to shine and be a blessing to others. Pray for me.—Mrs. Parley Carlock.

Praise God for Victory

SILVER POINT, Tenn.—I praise God for victory over the devil. I had been afflicted for five years with hemorrhoids. No one knows how I have suffered. I have done my work and walked the floor and cried to God. I didn't even tell my husband how I suffered! I would tell the Lord all about it, and I told Him if He would heal me I would proclaim it and I feel this is a good way. I have been healed for two weeks. We had feet washing and communion service and they prayed for me. About four days after that I was healed, and I give God all

NOTICE

Oklahoma Camp Meeting and Convention

Oklahoma camp meeting and convention will convene July 6-15, at Third and Broadway, Ada, Okla. Rev. A. V. Beaubé, Assistant General Overseer, South Central District, will be the evening speaker through the campaign. Make arrangements to attend. — L. L. Hughes, state overseer, 2644 S. W. 31st St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

the praise. The doctors told me nothing would help but an operation but I wanted to trust the Lord, for He had healed me of the same thing about twelve years before and I knew He could again.

God has healed in our home when human hands had done all they could. I want to trust Him for both soul and body. Pray for me.—Pauline Palmer.

HEFLIN, Ala.—I praise the Lord for His great healing power. On Sunday, December 17, at church I had some kind of a spell. I turned blind and hardly knew what was going on. I called for prayer and the Lord touched my body, but I had to go to bed after I got home from church. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify and give Him the praise, and He healed me. I haven't had another spell like it. He also healed my throat, for which I give Him the praise.

Please pray for the healing of my head, I have very bad spells with it but I am trusting the Lord. I know He is able to heal all manner of sickness and I want to trust Him to the end. Pray for me and my home that it will be a Christian home. Pray for our church at Crumleys Chapel that it will be a soul-saving station.—Nora Harris, Rt. 2.

Successful Revival

BASTIAN, Va.—We had a very successful revival with Brother J. M. Baird. The inspiring messages were a blessing to all. God blessed in a wonderful way. Many sought God, two were saved, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We desire the prayers of the saints, that God will keep us in His will.—Mrs. H. G. Slaughter.

It is an easy thing for us to say what we shall or will not do, but the best way to find out is to wait and see.

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The Pastor Must Be and Must Not Be

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.—1 Tim. 3:1-7.

The office of a bishop refers to the pastorate of a church. The minister who desires to pastor a church, desireth a good work. In the above text of seven verses Paul described the qualifications of a pastor by setting forth **NINE THINGS THAT THE PASTOR MUST BE** and **SIX THINGS THAT THE PASTOR MUST NOT BE**. The qualifications of a pastor depend on his ability and power **TO BE CERTAIN THINGS** and equally so on the grace that he possesses to **NOT BE CERTAIN OTHER THINGS**. The minister may be possessed with all the good qualities set forth by Paul in the text and yet ruin his ministry by doing one or the other of the things that are prohibited, or vice versa. In other words, the sin of **OMISSION** or that of **COMMISSION** would equally blight his life and destroy the power and success of his ministry. The pastor, therefore, has two goals to strive for, one **TO BE** and the other **NOT TO BE**.

SIX THINGS THAT THE PASTOR MUST NOT BE

It might be taken for granted that a man before conversion may be one who drinks wine, is a striker, a brawler, greedy of filthy lucre, covetous and with no ministerial experience. These are the six things that a pastor **MUST NOT BE**.

At conversion he should overcome drinking, striking, brawling, greed, and covetousness. After conversion he should be endued with power and be anointed to preach the gospel, then

JOHN C. JERNIGAN
General Overseer

continue his study and preparation serving as a novice minister. Following we will deal with each of the six disqualifying features separately.

HE MUST NOT BE A STRIKER

The word "strike" is commonly used in two ways. First, it means to hit, smite, dash against, or to give or deal a blow; second, it means a stopping of work. A striker would be one who strikes a blow; or second, it could mean one who quits work. The pastor must not be either.

When Paul said the pastor must not be a striker he doubtless had in mind striking back with fiery words. Words are often more powerful and damaging than a blow with the hand or even with a sword or other dangerous implements of warfare. The pastor is often misunderstood and misquoted; his purpose is sometimes mistaken. He is often falsely accused and grossly misrepresented, which irritates him. Then follows the temptation of defence and "getting them told."

The pulpit should never be used for defence or as a fortress from which to strike. It is indeed a refuge, and there the minister is temporarily safe. No one is likely to strike back at the pastor in the pulpit, but if he takes advantage of the security of the pulpit in order to strike, when he leaves the pulpit and the congregation leaves the pew the war begins. The pastor becomes an undefended target. His activities, influence, and lifework are attacked.

The pastor has too much at stake to start a war. In such wars and fighting many of those whom God has committed to his care will be wounded, and some possibly spiritually killed. The pastor may come through as a fighting hero and console himself in the fact that he "got them told," or turned them out of the church, but in such wars both sides always lose; the church is greatly hurt and the pastor loses much of his influence. But it all starts by unnecessary words, and is kindled into a great uncontrollable and destructive fire. Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth, and how great a war

doth a few words start.

HE MUST NOT BE A BRAWLER

A brawl is a row, or a noisy quarrel. A brawler is one who promotes rows among the people, and creates noisy quarrels.

The pastor must be peaceful, and keep his congregation at peace with one another. It is always easy for a pastor to pick a quarrel with his congregation or keep a row stirred up among the members of his church, but it requires tact to be a keeper of peace.

Most chronic church quarrels and rows involve the pastor either directly or indirectly and especially if he himself is a brawler. General church feuds and divisions of local congregations will have little to support them if the pastor is sweet and tactful and does not brawl himself.

Christ is the Prince of peace and declared the peacemaker to be blessed. The writer of Hebrews advised that we "follow peace with all men." One of the most beautiful things on earth is a pastor and his flock working peacefully together for the advancement of the cause for which the Prince of peace died.

The peace-loving pastor will have but few brawls in his church. Those that do arise can be subdued in most cases if properly handled, and peace can be restored in the pews immediately. We will have better churches when we have better pastors who have all the brawling substance taken out of them. The pastor must seek peace and pursue it. He must have peace in his own individual soul, and preach to his congregation peace with God and one another.

HE MUST NOT BE GREEDY OF FILTHY LUCRE

"Greedy" means eagerly desirous. Filthy lucre is money, especially ill-gotten gain. The pastor must not be greedy after money. He must especially not take undue methods to get money, but should be satisfied with what God has promised him—food and raiment.

The minister of the gospel must understand from the beginning that he has not entered his vocation to make money. Preaching the gospel is not a money-making profession.

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

Religious Liberty Sought

A petition signed by more than 100,000 Baptists and presented by a committee representing 11,000,000 Baptists, to the United Nations Conference on International Organization, asking for a commission on an international bill of rights and for strong religious freedom safeguards, is of particular interest to all God-fearing people.

The Empty House

Houses are made to be occupied: your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, 1 Cor. 6:19. If you do not allow the Holy Ghost to occupy it, the spirit of Satan and of lust will do so. In the light of Matt. 24:43-45, when an evil spirit is cast out he will, with greater force and enticement, try to return to the house out of which he was cast. It is not enough to have Satan cast out, nor even yet to have the house "swept and garnished"; it must be filled either with the Holy Spirit or a fight will ensue with Satan, demons, lust, and other carnal conflicts. See Eph. 5:18.

American Bible Society Plans

A recent report states that the "American Bible Society is at work on two special projects.

"For liberated war areas: 4,400,000 Bibles, New Testaments, Scriptures, in forty tongues. For European theater service men: 350,000 New Testaments, to replace copies lost or damaged since D-Day.

"The Society plans to give away ten million volumes in the next four years, needs three million dollars for the work."

Kentucky and Other Dries

"Kentucky, Bourbon whisky capital of the world, is gradually going dry. Washington County is latest to prohibit legal liquor, 84th of Kentucky's 120 counties to do so.

"Votes in states with local options banned all kinds of alcoholic beverages in 740 counties and communities last year, increasing the nation's 'bone dry' areas to 4,073, according to National Women's Christian Temperance Union. Of twenty-nine states with local op-

tion laws, only Delaware remains entirely wet.

"Texas is the driest of the local option states (140 out of 254 counties); Georgia and Kentucky rank next in dryness."

Jewish Refugees and Orphans

"A resolution calling upon the Jews of America to support the plan of the Jewish Agency for Palestine for the postwar settlement in Palestine of 1,000,000 Jewish refugees—beginning with 20,000 war orphans from Europe—within a period of two years, was adopted by 2,000 delegates attending the Annual Conference for Palestine sponsored by the United Palestine Appeal. It was emphasized that in order to achieve this goal it would be essential to obtain freedom of Jewish immigration into Palestine from any country, material and financial assistance by the United Nations, and the powers of government for the Jewish community in Palestine."

Palestine Export Trade

"JERUSALEM.—The capacity of Jewish Palestine through exports of its goods to contribute in a large measure towards the rehabilitation of Europe is indicated by the following estimates drawn up by the Manufacturers Association of products and manufactured articles that will be available for export on an annual basis:

"FOOD—Citrus juices, 9,000,000 bottles; jam, 30,000 tons; tomato juice, 100 tons; vegetable preserves, 250 tons; chocolate, 4,000-5,000 tons; candies, 2,000 tons; biscuits, 1,200 tons; macaroni, 3,000 tons; edible oil, 5,000-6,000 tons; matzoth, 3,000-4,000 tons; sauerkraut, 100 tons; cornflour, 600 tons; cognac, 50,000 litres; wines, 800,000 litres; and cigarettes and tobacco, 700 tons.

"CLOTHING — Shoes, 1,000,000-1,500,000 pairs; men's suits, about 150,000; women's coats, about 150,000; women's dresses, 100,000; and socks, 250,000 dozen.

"TENTING MATERIAL — 700,000-800,000 square metres.

"CLEANSING MATERIAL—Soap, 7,000 tons; shoe polish, 600 tons.

"MISCELLANEOUS — Razor blades, 30,000,000 units; shaving brushes, 500,000; toothbrushes, 100,000; tooth paste, 3,000,000 tubes."—*The New Palestine*.

Clergymen

Christian Observer says that there were 140,077. Of these, 136,769 were men and 3,308 were women. This was a decline of 8,771 from the number of 148,848 in 1930. Of the total in 1939, 112,509 were full-time ministers. Of these, 90.8 per cent received salaries of less than \$2,500 for the year; 51 per cent received salaries of less than \$1,200; 24.4 per cent received salaries of less than \$600. Nothing is said if these ministers had other income.

Ages and Salaries Compared

The table of salaries for 1939, as given in the Federal Council report, is as follows:

Income From Salary	No. of Clergymen
\$ 0 to \$ 99	15,747
\$ 100 to 199	1,076
\$ 200 to 399	4,154
\$ 400 to 599	6,450
\$ 600 to 799	10,870
\$ 800 to 999	9,355
\$1,000 to 1,199	9,735
\$1,200 to 1,399	14,157
\$1,400 to 1,599	9,788
\$1,600 to 1,999	11,518
\$2,000 to 2,499	9,320
\$2,500 to 2,999	3,386
\$3,000 to 4,999	5,597
\$5,000 and over	1,356

Total 112,509

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Seven Men Went Singing into Heaven

"One of the strangest experiences in my life is connected with war," says Nordenberg, an eminent engineer in Finland.

"I offered my services to the Government and was appointed an officer in General Mannerheim's army. It was a terrible time. We besieged the town. It had been taken by the Red Army and we retook it. A number of Red prisoners were under my guard. Seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. I shall never forget the preceding Sunday. The seven doomed men were kept in the basement of the town hall. In the passage my men stood at attention with their rifles.

"The atmosphere was filled with hatred. My soldiers were drunk with victory and taunted their prisoners, who swore as much as they could and beat the walls with their bleeding fists. Others called for their wives and children who were far away. At dawn they were all to die.

"We had the victory, that was true enough; but the value of this seemed to diminish as the night advanced. I began to wonder whether there did not rest a curse on arms whichever side used them.

"Then something happened: one of the men doomed to death began to sing! 'He is mad!' was everybody's first thought. But I had noticed this man, Koskinen, had not raved and cursed like the others. Quietly he had sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything to him—each was carrying his burden in his own way and Koskinen sang, rather waveringly at first, then his voice grew stronger and filled out, and became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at the singer who now seemed to be in his element: *Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast,*

There by His love o'ershadowed, sweetly my soul shall rest.

Hark, 'tis the voice of angels, borne in a song to me

Over the fields of glory, over the jasper sea.

"Over and over again Koskinen sang that verse and when he finished everyone was quiet for a few minutes until a wild-looking individual broke out with, 'Where did you get that, you

fool? Are you trying to make us religious?'

"Koskinen looked at his comrades and his eyes filled with tears. Then he asked quietly: 'Comrades, will you listen to me for a minute? You asked me where I got this song; it was from The Salvation Army. I heard it there three weeks ago. At first I also laughed at this song but it got me. It is cowardly to hide your beliefs; the God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but I know that it has happened. I lay awake last night and suddenly I felt that I had to find the Savior and to hide in Him. Then I prayed—like the thief on the cross—that Christ would forgive me and cleanse my sinful soul, and make me ready to stand before Him whom I should meet soon.

"It was a strange night,' continued Koskinen. 'There were times when everything seemed to shine around me. Verses from the Bible and from the song book came to my mind. They brought a message of the crucified Savior and the blood that cleanses from sin and of the home He has prepared for us. I thanked Him, accepted it, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. It was God's answer to my prayer. I could no longer keep it to myself! Within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace.'

"Koskinen's face shone as by an inward light. His comrades sat there quietly. He himself stood there transfixed. My soldiers were listening to what this Red revolutionist had to say.

"You are right, Koskinen,' said one of his comrades at last, 'If only I knew that there is mercy for me, too! But these hands of mine have shed blood and I have reviled God and trampled on all that is holy. Now I realize that there is a hell and that it is the proper place for me.'

"He sank to the ground with despair depicted on his face. 'Pray for me, Koskinen,' he groaned, 'tomorrow I shall die and my soul will be in the hands of the devil!'

"And there these two Red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. It was no long prayer, but it opened Heaven for both, and

we who listened to it forgot our hatred. It melted in the light from Heaven, for here two men who were soon to die sought reconciliation with God. A door leading into the invisible stood ajar and we were entranced by the sight.

"Let me tell you shortly that by the time it was four o'clock all Koskinen's comrades had followed his example and began to pray. The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of them sat on the floor, others talked of spiritual things.

"The night had almost gone and day was dawning. No one had had a moment's sleep. 'Sing the song once more for us, Koskinen,' said one of them. And you should have heard them sing! Not only that song but verses and choruses long forgotten came forth from their memories as birds in the sunshine. The soldiers on guard united their voices with them.

"The town clock struck six. How I wished I could have begged for grace for these men, but I knew that this was impossible.

"Between two rows of soldiers they marched out to execution. One of them asked to be allowed once more to sing Koskinen's song. Permission was granted. Then they asked to die with uncovered faces—and with hands raised to Heaven they sang with might and main:

Safe in the arms of Jesus, safe on His gentle breast.

When the last lines had died out the lieutenant gave the word, 'Fire!' and the seven Red soldiers had fought their last fight. We inclined our heads in silent prayer.

"What had happened in the hearts of others I do not know, but so far as I was concerned I was a new man from that hour. I had met Christ in one of His lowliest and youngest disciples and I had seen enough to realize that I, too, could be His. 'The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men' (Psalm 33: 13).

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were to die, yet shall he live' (John 11:25, R. V.).—(Translated for "All the World" by Major Clara Becker.)—*The War Cry*.

The person who has not enough love so as to share it with all men, even enemies, will not be able to convince the world that he has any at all.

An Exposition of HEBREWS 6:4; 10:26

By GARY BYRUM

To those who may have fallen by the wayside the enemy likes to pervert these scriptures and make the poor unfortunate backslider believe he has no chance to be renewed. I believe that many times the careless way these scriptures have been preached to people has destroyed the hope of many an honest-hearted backslider who would have repented if he had not been made to believe he had committed the unpardonable sin to which these scriptures have reference.

First, we want to notice to whom these scriptures were written. The book of Hebrews was written to Jews who had been converted from the old temple worship to faith in Christ. The date was somewhere between A. D. 33 and A. D. 70, for the temple was still standing. The argument is that the new covenant is the reality of which the first covenant was the type. The type consisted of a blood sacrifice which symbolically gave the offerer salvation, while in reality his salvation came from the new testament, which necessarily is a sacrifice, even the Lord Jesus at Calvary. Christianity is a result of what happened at the cross. The author of Hebrews argues that the system of the old temple sacrifices was abrogated in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, therefore the author is battling to stop a stampede from Christianity back to Judaism, a revolt in truth from the living God.

Now let us look at Heb. 6:4-6, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again to repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame." Some theologians claim that these experiences stop short of real faith in Christ. They base their argument on the Greek word "metochous," which is translated "partakers," that it does not mean possessors but just partner or helper. But more could not be said of any re-

generated man who hasn't received the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and in St. John's Gospel, where Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit as the Parakleto-s, we have the word that means advocate, consoler, one that goes along as a helper or partner. So we see He is a partner or helper to the true believers, too. Then Heb. 10:29 says of these same apostates, "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" So you see they had an experience subsequent to regeneration. Then how could an unregenerated person have such light and knowledge of the Word of God, when Paul says in 1 Cor. 2:14 that the natural or unregenerated man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God . . . neither can he *know them* because they are spiritually discerned? Also Dr. A. T. Robinson, an outstanding Greek scholar, says, "These experiences are given as actual experiences."

There are some expositors who say that the impossible of verse 6 is only with men but here I want to quote from Dr. Robinson again, "The adunaton (impossible) comes first in verse 4 without estin (is) and there is no 'them' in the Greek. The present active infinitive of anakainizo (late verb, anakainos, here only in the New Testament but anakainoo, 2 Cor. 4:16; Col. 3:10), with adunaton, bluntly denies the possibility of renewal for apostates from Christ."

There are still others who put all the emphasis on the word "wilfully" sin and claim that all who have been converted and fall from grace by wilful sin cannot be renewed, but is not any sin that would cause anyone to really backslide a wilful sin? Let us see if that is the case. Now turn with me to 2 Cor 12:21, "And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have

not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed." Now in the common meaning of the word "wilful" what sin could be committed more wilful than fornication, because all Christians know that it breaks one of the commandments and is first conceived in the heart, then given birth in action? So it is usually well thought over and planned before it is committed. But doesn't Paul leave the inference that they could have repented, so he does not locate the wilful sin of Heb. 10:26 with such a wilful, heinous sin as fornication.

Now just what is the sin that the writer of Hebrews has reference to and is warning the Jews against? First, against letting the New Testament truth slip away, 2:1-4; second, against hardening the heart against the Holy Spirit, 3:7-19; third, against falling away, 5-6:12; fourth, against committing the wilful sin of treading under foot the Son of God and counting the blood an unholy thing and doing despite or insult to the Holy Spirit, Heb. 10:26-29. This is a terrible picture but the ray of light comes in verse 8 where it says, "Seeing they crucify Christ and put him to an open shame." Now this should be a warning to any one trying to do treachery to Christ. These Jews had examined Christ and knew Christianity was right and then were willingly turning away from Christ and going back to Judaism, thus virtually confirming the judgment of the actual crucifiers, declaring that they too had made trial of Jesus and found Him no true Messiah.

Jesus said in St. Mark 3:28 that all sins and blasphemies shall be forgiven unto the sons of men except blasphemy against the Holy Ghost. Some tell us that Heb. 6:4 and 10:26 do not refer to sinning against the Holy Ghost. The Greek translation of Heb. 6:6 says "exposing him publicly." Let us call on a converted orthodox Jew who had a thorough knowledge of what is required of an apostate returning from Christianity to Judaism. The late and distinguished Bible teacher, Rev. Myer Pearlman, of Central Bible Institute, Springfield, Missouri, says, "They must make the public statement that Jesus was a malefactor and should have been crucified, and that He did His miracles by Beelzebub the prince of devils." Now would that not be doing "insult to the Spirit," and the same thing the scribes were doing when Jesus warned them

against blaspheming the Holy Ghost? Most Bible scholars agree that blaspheming the Holy Ghost is ascribing the power of the Holy Ghost to that of the devil. Now just think what an awful sin it would be for anyone who thus despises the blood of Christ wherewith he was sanctified, and who also insults the Holy Spirit, and that after receiving His blessings. Therefore these apostates had rendered their hearts so hard that they would be impervious to the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Here let me give the literal Greek of Heb. 10:26, "For (where) willingly we sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth, no longer a sacrifice for 'sins remains.'" You see they willingly or gladly turned against Christ and the Holy Spirit.

The reason the devil had them to say such awful things about Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit, they had once escaped from his bondage of sin and he wanted to get eternal security on them. So, to those who may be fallen by the wayside, it behooves you to make your way back to Christ because the Bible does not contradict itself and the Bible says, "He that will come unto me I will in nowise cast out." Now those apostates of the book of Hebrews, who had so sinned against the Holy Ghost, would not return to Christ for pardon because the Holy Ghost must give the desire to anyone to return to Christ. They had insulted the Holy Ghost and He had left them just like a ship upon the ocean without a pilot, just to be dashed against the rocks of the shore by the tide.

After all, I think God should be the only judge of anyone who has so sinned. I don't believe in marking off so many dead lines for people, because if we destroy their faith and hope of forgiveness we have made a dead line for them, "for we must believe that Christ is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him." Neither do I want to pin a bouquet on backsliding, because you always lose something in backsliding. In the Old Testament, those great leaders lost their positions when they sinned. Moses failed to get to lead the children of Israel into Canaan, but he was saved and the Bible says God buried him. You remember Jesus said that salt when it has lost its savor is good for nothing and I think he was referring to influence. Influence is like a plant, when injured it takes longer than a lifetime to get over it. Also, you remember the prodigal son, when he returned, had a fatted calf, the finest

robe, a ring on his hand, shoes on his feet and, the best of all, his father's kiss of forgiveness, but when the elder brother got jealous the father said, "All I have is thine," showing that the elder son had all the inheritance and that the prodigal did not receive back what he squandered. Now if anyone is in a high position in the kingdom of God, heinous sins will so injure his influence as to disinherit him from those positions.

In conclusion, dear one who may have fallen by the wayside, if you feel a desire, though it be ever so small, cultivate that desire because all heaven bids you come. Christ said in Rev. 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." So come back to Father's house and receive His robe of righteousness, shoes, ring, the fatted calf, and, glory hallelujah, best of all, your heavenly Father's kiss of forgiveness that will assure you an abundant entrance into the city of God.

Mother Shipley's Prophecy

Below we give Mother Shipley's prophecy, written over 500 years ago. She was born in England and died in 1449. Take it for what it is worth.

A carriage without horses shall go,
Disaster fill the world with woe;
In London, Primrose Hill shall be
Its center, hold a Bishops See.
Around the world men's thoughts
shall fly,

Quick as the twinkling of an eye.

And waters shall great wonders do—
How strange, and yet it shall come
true.

Then upside down the world shall be
And gold found at the foot of tree,
Through towering hills proud man
shall ride,
Nor horse nor ass move by his side.

Beneath the waters men shall walk;
Shall ride, shall sleep, and even talk;
And in the air men shall be seen
In white, in black, as well as green.
A great man then shall come and go,
For prophecy declares it so.

In water iron then shall float
As easy as a wooden boat.
Gold shall be found in stream or
stone,

In land that is as yet unknown.
Water and fire shall wonders do,
And England shall admit a Jew.

The Jew that once was held in scorn
Shall of a Christian then be born.
A house of glass shall come to pass
In England—but alas! alas!

A war will follow with the work
Where dwell the pagan and the Turk.

The States will lock in fierce strife
And seek to take each other's life;
When North shall thus divide the
South

The eagle builds in lion's mouth.
Then tax and blood and cruel war
Shall come to every humble door.

Three times shall sunny, lovely France
Be led to play a bloody dance;
Before the people shall be free
Three tyrant rulers shall she see!
Three rulers, in succession be,
Each sprung from different dynasty.

Then when the fiercest fight is done,
England and France shall be as one.
The British olive next shall twine
In marriage with the German vine.
Men walk beneath and over the
streams—

Fulfilled shall be our strangest
dreams.

All England's sons shall plow the land,
Shall oft be seen with hook in hand.
The poor shall now most wisdom
know,

And water wind where corn did grow;
Great houses stand in far-flung vale,
All covered o'er with snow and hail.

And now a word in uncouth rhyme
Of what shall be in future time,
For in those wondrous, far-off days
The women shall adopt a craze
To dress like men and trousers wear
And cut off their lovely locks of hair.

They'll ride astride with brazen brow,
As witches on a broomstick now.

Then love shall die and marriage
cease,

And nations wane as babes decrease.
The wives shall fondle cats and dogs
And men live much the same as hogs.

In nineteen hundred twenty-six
Build houses light of straw and sticks,
For then shall mighty wars be planned
And fire and sword shall sweep the
land.

But those who live the century
through

In fear and trembling this will do:

Flee to the mountains and the dens,
To bogs and forests and wild fens—
For storms shall rage and oceans roar
When Gabriel stands on sea and
shore,

And as he blows his wondrous horn
Old worlds die and new be born.

Spiritual Observance

MRS. MABLE LANE

Matt. 28:16-20, "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

God is anointing His messengers with holy boldness and mighty power in these last days to declare His Word, and His workers of every office or post of duty are receiving daily a new infilling and refilling of spiritual strength to carry on under the strain of this evil day. It is not only fulfilling His great command that these carry on this great and eternal program, but it is a great essentiality. God forbid that we would ever say anything that would discourage these sources of spirituality, but rather encourage them. There is a very urgent need of a "spiritual observance" of those things that are being done by and through the working of the living Spirit of God among us. It is this need I feel inspired to dwell on in this writing.

There is a special definition to this word "observance" and I will arrange this meeting in three different parts and dwell on them separately. The first is: To take notice of, or to behold with attention. And that it is a "spiritual" observance is also noticed. The messenger of God is anointed with the power of His (God's) might, that he may be able to declare to us the whole counsel of God's Word, as we triumph over the demon powers and opposing spirits of the underworld. We are very much responsible for the way we receive his message, and the way we abide by it, or by the Word which he gives us. God requires us to give our most earnest attention to the hearing of the message of His Word, and to behold it to the extent

that whatsoever we ask in His name shall be done, according to John 15:7. So many people hear the Word and pay so little attention to it. They couldn't tell you even what the preacher's text or subject was after leaving church. That is failing to observe or to behold what we have heard of God's Word, which is strictly life unto life, or death unto death. I remember very well when father would instruct us; if we failed to observe or pay attention to what he had told us we were certainly reminded of it by a whipping or other ways of punishment, until we would abide by his commandments. So it is with the children of God. If we fail to observe or pay attention to the message of His Word, we do not get by with it. When the whipping comes we are reminded of our carelessness.

If the children of the household of God are punished for not "observing" the Word of God, where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear? Many times if we would give more observance to respect and submit ourselves and our all to the presence of God's Spirit in our midst, the Holy Ghost, which brings the message and convicts the sinner, would be in full control, the service of God would be less hindered by powers of darkness, God's great program would be more glorious, more profitable, and our souls would be made happy because we had given our undivided attention to the Word. God uses man to carry out His program, and the more we recognize and "observe" (respect God's Word), the more of God's Spirit we have in God's services. The Spirit and the Word agree. The man or the woman that fails to observe the Word of God to their heart and life, will not notice the warning or the wooing of His Spirit, will surely receive damnation to their soul and suffer the punishment of the wicked. All souls who disrespect or fail to regard His commandments are subject to the punishment of God's great wrath. The Apostle Peter forgot that Jesus said before the cock crew twice he would deny Him thrice, but when the cock crew he remembered the sayings of

Jesus and wept bitterly. So, my dear friend, carelessness, disrespect, failing to give attention to the Word of life, will bring us misery, suffering, bitterness and woe. The wise man Solomon in his instructions to his son in Prov. 23:26, said, "My son, give me thine heart and let thine eyes observe my way." All through the Bible we find where God wants people to observe His ways.

The next arrangement is: To keep religiously, or an acknowledgment of our obligations to God. Naturally speaking, we are respondent to many obligations in this life in order for us to get along or exist. Through the necessity of life we are under obligations to meet our debts, keep our word, and keep the source of response of our natural needs available. If we fail to keep our bills paid or to respond to our obligations, this source of natural needs will cease and we will suffer hunger and other hardships besides being dishonest, which is a sin in the sight of God, and the wages of sin is death. So we are not only subject to the penalty of the laws of our country but to the wrath of God. He gave His only Son to die for the sin of the entire world, for you and for me. Jesus died, gave up the ghost, and cried, "It is finished," to bring us a plan of redemption from our sins. We are strictly obligated to meet His requirements and accept His plan of salvation for our lost souls, come to Him for mercy, be washed in His blood, and have the peace, joy, and blessed assurance of a hope, a living hope, that we may have peace with God and life everlasting. If we fail to meet our obligations to God and His plan of redemption, and accept His way of escape from a burning hell, then we must suffer the awful penalty of the judgment of the wrath of God.

Oh, the pain and agony of a lost soul! We may hear the prayers and saintly instructions of our precious old dad and mother from our youth to our grave and not observe, or fail to respond to actually put them into practice, and be lost and go to a devil's hell. You may join every church under the sun, hear every preacher preach in the United States, pay your just and honest debts, visit the sick, and yet fail to observe the Word of God, keep His commandments, pay your obligations to God above, accept His salvation, get your sins under the

blood of His Son Jesus, and then be turned away from the pearly gates. James 1:22 says, "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." We must actually put the thing into practice and sincerely do our obligations to God. Not just hear and pay no attention, but really and truly pay our obligations. It is the only way to keep religious. It isn't hard to pay our obligations to God. It is simple and easy. When we step out for God and begin to put into action what we know to do, we have the blessings of God in our life and the smile of His approval on our responsiveness, which brings us peace, joy, and happiness that human tongue can't express. Paying our obligations to God becomes a great pleasure. After all, religion is not a thing for us to keep, but it is certainly something that will *keep us*. The trouble with most people is that they try to keep religious without responding to their obligations to God and His Word and *keep religion*.

The third arrangement is: To comply with, or to put into practice. Quite a few things have been said concerning this already, but a few points remain. We testify that we have been washed by His (Christ's) blood, have received the great endowment of power, which is the Holy Ghost. We praise God for leading us to the great way of holiness, to His own Bible Church, and yet so many times we fail to comply with its teachings, or put into practice God's teachings in the beauty of holiness. Many people agree that we have to live clean holy lives and that they believe the Church is right. They would fight for her right, yet they fail to observe her rules, or live up to her requirements. Others say they believe it is right but they are too strict on their members and in the teachings and they can't live it. My friend, you are mistaken in your point of view. If you have Jesus in your life it is easy to live it, for He said, "I am the way, the truth and the light." It is easy for people to put into practice (or rather keep up) the things of the flesh, because they want to; it is the desire of the flesh. It would be fine to do the things you want to do and live in the flesh here if there wasn't a hereafter to meet, but the works of the flesh yield the unpeaceful fruits of unrighteousness and shall not stand at the judgment. They are doers of the flesh. They will live in the lust

of sin, fail to comply with God's eternal Word, His Church, His commandments, and walk not after the Spirit but after the flesh, and shall surely suffer the loss of a doomed soul, receive the wrath of an almighty God, and burn in hell while the ceaseless ages roll.

The rich man of the sixteenth chapter of St. Luke begged for Lazarus to be sent back to this world to preach to his five brothers the gospel he had failed to observe, lest they also land where he was in the fiery flames of torment. What about our present generation of people? God will not look on us with any less degree of punishment for our sins than He did the rich man of that day. In Luke 12:16-21 Jesus spoke of the man who laid not his treasures up in heaven but stored them away on earth and failed to observe that saying of God's Word, "Lay not up treasures on earth where thieves break through and steal and where moth and rust dost corrupt, but lay up for yourself treasures in heaven." There came a time when he needed treasures in heaven, but had failed to pay obligations to God and store away treasures there. Therefore, God called him a fool. Many people have failed to accept God's plan of salvation for their souls, failed to keep His commandments, because of pride in their hearts

and lives, because of their high social life, and because of worldly treasures they have failed to give up for Jesus. God has managed to carry on His great and eternal program so far, and will forever carry it on as He has planned. He does not have to force you and me to come His way to fulfill His future plans. But where will we be, or what will we do, or how can we stand at the judgment without God? God does not comply with poor little weak insignificant creatures, but we *must* get on God's side and comply with His Word and plead His mercy, blood, and pardon for our sins, if we ever enter the gloryland, or expect to sing with the angel choir. We stand and sing with the choir down here, "When the saints go marching in, Lord, I want to be in that number." But have we searched our lives through to see if we have paid all our obligations to God and sincerely put into practice His commandments? If so, we have the assurance that "when the roll is called up yonder I'll be there."

The reason the Bible is a closed book to so many people is that it is so seldom opened by them.

The most acceptable gift we can offer to God is ourselves, and if He really and truly gets us He will get all that goes with us.



This is a portion of the Sunday School at Placida, Fla. We are very glad of our little work and praise God for keeping through the awful storm of a few months past, which left our village in almost ruins. We need your prayers.—B. G. Pomroy, pastor, Gasparilla, Fla.

From the Northwest Bible & Music Academy



Salutatorian Address

Faculty members, fellow students, ministers, and friends: Words would fail to express the feeling within our hearts this morning, and the gratitude and love we feel to our school. It is with pride that we say "OUR SCHOOL" for it is in this institution that we, through the efforts of our good teachers and friends, learned to trust our Great Teacher, Jesus Christ, in a greater measure. It is here that our lives have been molded into vessels for the Master's hand and we have been inspired to live nobler lives in this world of sin.

We have learned, not only from books or by the influence of our teachers, but often by bitter experience, that we are nothing outside of Christ, but if we had anything to boast of, we would credit it to the spiritual help we received in our school.

This morning as we stand upon the threshold of a future hidden to us, we are faced with a world in need of light and deliverance of sin. Our responsibility is greater than that of three years ago. Privileges and opportunities involved responsibility and we cannot say that we have not had great privileges in school. We are not intrepid this morning, neither do we feel that this accomplishment in school has qualified us to meet the need of the world. We shudder to think of our responsibility and fully realize our dependency on God. Human nature would shrink and choose the more pleasant way with its gay and carefree life. Sin has no apologies to make to us for its coldness and atrocity, neither does it reason with us for the trials and testings, but



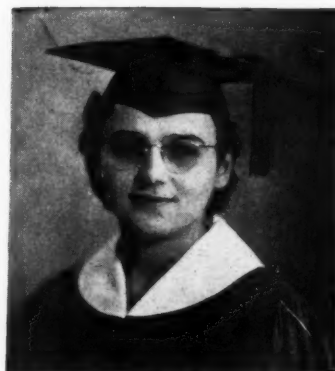
Precious Years to Me

I surely thank God for the years of Bible School which I have had. They have been precious to me, and helped me intellectually as well as spiritually. It leaves me with many precious memories of the showers of blessings and good times I have had in school.

Some think to go to Bible School means to get training to be a preacher, but that was not my idea of coming to Bible School. My aim was to learn more of Him who died on the cross of Calvary for the remission of our sins, and to seek God's will in what He would have me to do in His vineyard. —Thelma Reum, Plaza, North Dakota.

hurls out a challenge to blood-washed saints of God to answer the call as laborers for the whitened harvest fields. This does not call for a retreat, but for an onward mark against sin.

It is only nature to imitate or follow others who have made a great name for themselves, and we have a great example of One having a definite purpose and aim. Who of us will be lead through greater trials, hardships, and suffering than our Savior? Did He retreat? Never. Out there alone, fasting in the desert, did He yield to temptation? No. Forsaken, rejected, and despised, He was made the scorn of the land of Judea, and was led as a lamb to the slaughter. There was no compromising, no going back with our Savior. Lest we consider Jesus Christ so far above our possibilities, we may mention the great Apostle Paul in his warfare against sin. Or we could numerate the martyrs who did not recant but lived out our motto—"FORWARD



A Good Place To Consecrate to God

It truly has been a wonderful privilege to attend such a worthy institution as the Northwest Bible School. Ever since I have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost I have wanted to attend Bible School, but I never could see my way clear. Through the encouragements I received from other Christian workers, I started my first term of school October 28, 1943.

We find that Bible School is one of the best places in the world for young people to consecrate their lives to God. As every individual is fully aware, we are living in perilous times. This (Continued on page 14)

EVER; BACKWARD NEVER." David Livingstone pressed on into the heart of Africa, leaving all that was dear, and, in spite of opposition, he held true to his faith and to God until when death claimed his spirit his body was found in a praying position, having committed all to God.

Had the early pioneers given up at the first stroke of opposition, would these lands, then unknown, ever be what they are today? Had our great inventors not had determination that gave no place to vacillating, would we be enjoying the conveniences we are enjoying?

May this motto: FORWARD EVER; BACKWARD NEVER, echo and re-echo in our hearts until we are impressed with the vital need of determination.

We earnestly desire your prayers this morning that we may press onward to that prize before us.—Marie Meppelink.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The healing of my body, I have a hurting in my chest and back; my family.—Mrs. Arthur Walker, Saltillo, Pa.

My son, Pvt. Eugene Hatcher, who is expecting to be sent overseas soon.—Mrs. John R. Hatcher, 711 Gloucester Ave., Middlesboro, Ky.

Me to be healed of a severe case of asthma.—Rev. E. A. Ambrose, Rt. 2, Box 93, Norfolk, Va.

Urgent unspoken request.—Mrs. A. N. Daniel, College Ser. Sta., Sylacauga, Ala.

Mrs. Ruth Seabolt, Rt. 1, Resaca, Ga., who needs prayer for both soul and body. Encouragement will be appreciated.—Mrs. Lela Davis, Rt. 1, Calhoun, Ga.

My son who was seriously wounded in Germany April 29.—Mrs. Florence W. Brown, Rt. 1, Box 389, Plant City, Fla.

My husband who is overseas.—Mrs. Argent Miller, Rt. 1, Box 389, Plant City, Fla.

God to deliver me and give me complete victory over my sickness, my tonsils are real bad and I suffer with sick headaches; my little boy.—Mrs. Ruby (Parrish) Morgan, Tampa, Fla.

The Lord to heal me of something like cancer, I have suffered so much. I am not able to get out and work but want to do something for the Lord and will appreciate anyone sending me tracts to give out; my family.—Mrs. Mae Holton, Baxley, Ga.

The Lord to heal Brother and Sister Anderson's baby's throat.—Mrs. R. C. Ogle, Baldwin Park, Calif.

My brother, Kenneth Woolfolk, who is in the hospital in a very serious condition.—Mrs. S. B. Webb, Marks, Miss.

The healing of my eyes, I am almost blind.—Mrs. J. C. Pinion, Pine Grove, W. Va.

God to save and heal my sister of T. B., she is very bad.—Mrs. Henry Crawford, Byington, Tenn.

My home and husband.—Mrs. Pearl Hodges, 1015 Kings Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

The healing of a friend, she is in a bad condition.—Mrs. W. H. Norris, Rt. 4, Box 224, Fayetteville, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Mary Stapleton, Vanceburg, Ky.

The healing of my body; Mrs. Margret Baker to be healed of cancer of the mouth; my home.—Mrs. W. P. Bowles, 335 Baum St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The saving of my soul and healing of my body, I am in a very bad condition; the Lord to undertake for my children; my husband.—Mrs. Loren E. Owen, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

Pray for and write encouraging letters to E. M. Holloway, Box 900, Register No. 58155, Hall BB, Jefferson City, Mo., who has been saved since being imprisoned.—A friend, Paw Paw, W. Va.

God to undertake for me.—Mily Mull, Gen. Del., Dalton, Ga.

The Lord to restore my hearing, I have been deaf eight months. It is so lonesome, I sit all alone, read my Bible and cry; I want my hearing restored for the glory of God. I am seventy years old. I will appreciate letters of encouragement; will gladly answer all I get.—J. E. Johnson, Moss Point, Miss.

The healing of my body of stomach trouble.—Charles S. Hines, 337 N. Maple St., Somerset, Ky.

A very special unspoken request; my daughter and her husband.—Mrs. M. Cabaniss, Pinney Point, Md.

My son to be healed of asthma; my body to be healed; Myrtle Cadwell, Eastman, Ga., who has had to sit in a rolling chair for the past fifteen years; my family.—Mrs. Lula Williams, 1080 Oconee St., Athens, Ga.

My husband who recently received a medical discharge from the army to be saved and completely healed; our broken home.—Mrs. Oneida Hall, Hobbs, N. Mex.

Obituaries

DOUGLAS

On April 3, 1945, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Douglas and claimed their little son, Buford, age six years and two months.—His aunt, Ortha White, Rt. 1, Box 161, Crossville, Ala.

FULCHER

My darling brother, Dale Fulcher, went home to be with Jesus May 3, 1945; age sixty-five years. He was a good Christian man.—His sister, Laura Barrentine, Rosedale, Miss.

KING

Sister Mary F. King, a charter member of the Monarat, Va., Church of God, departed this life April 20, 1945; age seventy-seven years, three months, and one day.—Her pastor, Rev. W. E. Briggs, Rt. 1, Woodlawn, Va.

PIPKIN

In memory of Rev. H. D. Pipkin, a minister of the Church of God for a number of years, and who had retired, passed from this life to be with Jesus last July, 1944; age about seventy-three years. He suffered untold pain to the last but his soul is now resting in peace with his Maker. He resided at Hot Springs, Ark.—Janie Brown, Hot Springs, Ark.

BLACK

Mrs. L. E. Black, a faithful member of the South Cleveland, Tenn., Church of God, went to be with Jesus March 2, 1944; age seventy-nine years, four months, and seven days. She left four daughters and three sons, the sons of whom are all ministers of the Church of God, W. H. Black, Alma, Ga., Taft Black, Marietta, Ga., and John Black, Cleveland. All the children have the Holy Ghost and six belong to the Church of God. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Brother J. A. Bixler, and Brother S. W. Latimer.

PETHEL

Brother R. H. Pethel, of Kannapolis, N. C., departed this life to be with Jesus on the morning of March 3, 1945; age sixty-six years, seven months, and two days. Having been a charter member of this local church, he served the church thirty-one years, and left the testimony that he was ready to meet the Lord.—Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, Rt. 1, Box 227-A, Kannapolis, N. C.

CRISP

Sister Nancy Crisp, wife of Rev. A. L. Crisp, a faithful member and one of the first to come in Snowd Branch, N. C., Church of God, went to be with Jesus on April 15, 1945; age fifty-six years. Pray for her heartbroken husband and eight children, six of whom are not saved.—A friend and sister, Mrs. T. L. Little, Washington, N. C.

News From the Field

Cambridge Church Goes Forward

Since the General Assembly, the church here at Cambridge has made much progress and the Lord is still blessing.

Our crowds are larger than ever before. A large number have been saved and twenty filled with the Holy Ghost.

We have completely rebuilt the interior of the church and had it expertly decorated at a cost of several hundred dollars and paid the cost in full. We think it is the most beautiful Church of God auditorium in the State of Maryland at present.

At a revival just closed, with Rev. Elwood Kern as the evangelist, the entire city was stirred and the church was greatly blessed, with eight additions, ten being saved and nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost.

At the close of this revival we held our district convention, and took up the largest mission offering ever taken at a district convention in Cambridge—over four hundred and forty dollars.

We really enjoy working with the fine people here in Cambridge, and give them credit for being the most unified people we have ever pastored. This is our third year here.—J. Andrew Rafferty.

Ferndale Church Is Host to Smithers District Convention

The assembled saints of the Smithers district and other points experienced the supreme blessedness of the presence of the Holy Trinity in the convention which convened this past week end at the Ferndale church, Garrison, West Va. From the opening song, the power of the Holy Ghost was felt by every heart present, and wave after wave of ecstatic joys lifted our souls on high in transports of heavenly delight.

The Friday night message was delivered by Sister Nettie Hall, of Smithers church, who is always at her best. Sister Hall's message was preceded by special singing, which reminded one of the old-fashioned singing conventions. The singers really felt the anointing as they delivered their message in song. Sister Hall's message entranced the souls of those who had packed the church for the opening night of this great spiritual banquet.

The Saturday morning service was

opened with hymn time and devotion-al, and the spiritual tide ran high. Rev. R. B. Underwood, chairman of the convention, in the absence of our state overseer, lifted our souls to the throne of grace for this morning feast of charity. Reverend R. F. Kirkland also delivered a stirring message.

Our dear F. C. A. brother, Reverend I. D. Wheeler, of Dunbar, Va., delivered a scriptural message. Reverend Wheeler is being mightily used by the power of the Holy Ghost in the saving of souls. His aim is a soul a day for the Lord, and he expects every power at his command to accomplish this end.

Our district pastor, Reverend W. W. Snuffer, shared with us publicly some of the wonderful things he had learned privately from the Lord. The pastors on this district love Brother Snuffer and are all out to do their best for the district and for the Lord.

One of the high lights of the convention was a message by our former district pastor, Reverend A. J. Gardner, pastor of Switzer church.

Sunday morning the power fell in the song service and many shouted the victory. This great meeting adjourned at 1:00 P. M.

Some of the expressions heard in regard to the convention, were: "It was far better than even the General Assembly, just not as many people."

"By far the best I've ever seen."

"Just like an old-fashioned camp meeting."

"We would have to have glorified bodies to stand any more."

All in all, the expected has taken place.

The Saturday night floor offering was even \$100, and the mission offering from five churches was \$119.28.

All the churches reporting showed a good gain over previous years.

Weatherford District Y. P. E. and S. S. Convention

The Weatherford district Y. P. E. and Sunday School convention is in the past but happy memories of it linger on to bless. This convention convened here at the Ft. Worth church April 26-28 and was full of spiritual food and blessings.

The opening service Thursday night

was a blessed service but only a prelude to the convention. God surely looked upon us to bless. Brother H. N. Bridges, host pastor, gave a short welcome address, followed by a brief talk from Brother W. L. Shires, pastor of Houston No. 1 church. Brother Otha Anderson brought the evening message. God's anointing was upon him.

The Friday night service was so full of good things we will just touch on the high lights. The Spirit moved upon us during the singing and a heavenly atmosphere predominated. This sacred feeling continued through the orphanage talks and offering. I am sure the Home would feel rewarded could they have heard the touching and sincere talk Sister Leah Bloomingdale made of her stay there. Our offering amounted to \$626.25. The evening message by our Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother R. L. Wagoner, was truly evangelistical.

The Saturday night service was a climax to the convention. Good singing, special singing, and a talk by Brother Wagoner brought us to where the Burke-Jones evangelistic party took over. These two young men are in a revival at Dallas No. 1 church at present and if they can preach like they can sing they will surely be successful for God. While they sang it seemed they put their very soul into the song and made the thought of it so real to our hearts that there was great rejoicing, some crying while others shouted. Brother J. C. Thompson, pastor of Dallas No. 1 church, brought a short but impressive message which was followed by an old-fashioned altar service.

We were privileged to have our state overseer, Brother V. B. Rains, and family with us for part of the convention, as well as a number of off-the-district visitors.

I would like to mention, too, the musicians and singers who seemed at their best and were always ready to do their bit. Brother and Sister George Bloomingdale, our district pastor, added much to the services by their co-operation. Brother C. E. Neal, our district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, certainly spared no effort to make this convention a success and we feel that he succeeded. Brother Wagoner is doing a good work in the State.

Hurrah for the Y. P. E. and Sunday School work! Let us put our all into it.—Convention clerk, Ruby Sue Truesdell.

District Fellowship Meeting

Oh, such soul inspiration and uplifting as we had and felt at our district fellowship meeting at Fair Haven Church of God on Monday night, May 7. Surely God's approval was on that service and everyone seemed to enjoy it so much. Our district pastor, Brother Byrd, and other ministers on the Erwin district were present and things went well. Brother Perry brought the message. Others took part in testifying and special singing. Many from various churches were present. The small church was crowded and many on the outside. The offering was taken for the work on this district, which amounted to about \$45.

This is the first fellowship meeting we ever had here and it certainly was a blessing. The Lord is blessing us here. We closed a revival in February with about fourteen saved, eight sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church, two of them since the revival. Brother Edwards, pastor, did the preaching.

In the winter we had special prayer meetings twice a week in behalf of one of our members in the Armed Forces, for the Lord to deliver him if it was His will. Surely it was the Lord's will; he came home with an honorable discharge after spending about two months in training.

We have bought a piano, had the church and parsonage wired, and a few more improvements made, all of which has been paid. We expect to finish our church soon. We have a pastor now, Brother Johnnie Edwards, and we do thank God. The work has prospered since he came here. Our Sunday School is fine, with an average attendance of about eighty. Come to Fair Haven and enjoy God's presence with us. Please pray for the work here. —Rowena Barefoot, Rt. 2, Dunn, N. C.

New Church at Ronda

RONDA, N. C.—I thank God for His wonderful blessings to us here in Ronda. We have built a new church, have it almost completed. We want to have all-day service the first Sunday in June. The people surely have been nice in helping us; the superintendent and some of the office folks of the Home Chair Company gave some, and many others. Brother Blevins did most of the work, with the help of others, for which we thank them. May the Lord bless all who gave and restore a hundredfold in this life and life eter-

nal at the end of the way.—Gincey S. Combs.

Missoula, Mont., District Convention Great Success

The Missoula district convention convened at the Church of God in Missoula Friday evening, May 11, through Sunday, May 13, with J. O. Wiggins, district overseer, and W. H. Godwin, state overseer, in charge. Those contributing to the preaching of the Word during the convention were: Brothers W. H. Godwin, J. O. Wiggins, Leonard Anderson, Anton Meyer, and Preston Sanders. The orphanage offering was \$40.80. On Sunday morning the state overseer had charge of the mission service and the people gave a mission offering of \$104.04. Rev. Powell, pastor of the Grace Gospel Tabernacle in Missoula, visited the convention. Meals were served from the Sunday School room in the church on Sunday. This convention has been one of the greatest in the State.

Prior to the convention Rev. Anton Meyer, state evangelist, had been in a revival at Missoula for about two weeks. We wish to thank Brother and Sister Wiggins, host pastor and wife, and the members and friends of the Missoula church, for their fine hospitality during this convention. The power of God fell from time to time and the Lord blessed mightily, for which we are thankful.

We were very glad to receive Brother Leonard Anderson into the Church of God during this convention. He comes to us an ordained minister of the gospel from another denomination.—Convention clerk.

Billings, Mont., District Report

This rally was held at the Billings church March 28 through April 1, with Brother J. J. Kisser, district overseer, in charge. After the welcome address by Brother Sexe, the clerk of the church, everyone was feeling welcome. Brother W. H. Godwin brought the message of the evening, which was followed by an altar call for all. Others contributing to the preaching of the Word in this rally were Sister Fuller, Brothers Noel Lowe, Preston Sanders, and Herman Liab. Brother M. L. Lowe brought the Sunday morning message on Missions, Easter Sunday. The mission offering for Billings was \$100.

Saturday evening Sister Martha

Godwin conducted a Y. P. E. service, also Brother M. L. Lowe made a talk in behalf of the Orphanage, after which an offering of \$31.33 was given. Brother Godwin also brought a message Saturday evening.

Brother Noel Lowe was in charge of the singing at this rally and those who assisted him with the singing and music were: Brother and Sister Preston Sanders, Sister Noel Lowe and Brother Lowe's sister, Brother Boone and his granddaughter, Eldora, Naomi Broadbent, Brother and Sister Godwin, and Mother Godwin. We were glad to have the pastor of the Assembly of God to drop in for a portion of one afternoon service. Also, we appreciated Brother Timms and his people from the Spanish Church being present on Saturday evening, at which time Brother Timms and some of his people sang in Spanish for us. One man willingly sacrificed \$20 to attend the Sunday services (this was his wages for one day.)

We wish to thank Brother Kisser, the host pastor, and his wife, also Sister Sanders, Sister Fuller, and others, who made possible the fine entertainment we enjoyed while we were at this rally. On Sunday afternoon just before the close of the rally, a testimony service was conducted by Mother Godwin. Almost everyone took part in this service in glorifying the Lord.—Convention clerk.

The Lord Blessing at Piney Grove

When we came to Piney Grove in September, we soon saw that the people here wanted and needed a new building. We began praying. The fifth Sunday in December we had a fellowship meeting here and raised \$1,034 in cash and pledges to start building a new church. From that day on the Lord has been blessing our efforts. Bless His holy name! We praise the Lord for the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band. They went to work and raised \$172 in one month. They have paid for the new windows and doors, which cost over \$100, and they are now working to pay for the roof. By the help of the Lord and the cooperation of the church and friends we are hoping to dedicate the new church free of debt in the near future. Pray for us at Piney Grove, that we will stay humble at the foot of the cross and in the center of God's will.—Minnie Belle Jordan, pastor's wife, Rt. 1, Odum, Ga.

THE PASTOR MUST AND MUST NOT BE

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Those who are called to the ministry are chosen of God to be set apart and dedicated for a sacred and spiritual service; for this service God has promised that the necessities of life shall be given him that he may be encouraged and enabled to perform this sacred and holy duty.

It is a known fact that some have used their position in the ministry as a means to promote fraudulent schemes to obtain money, which is indeed a great sin in the sight of God. Any minister who manifests his greed for money is not worthy to bear the sacred title.

The true and sincere minister of God does not entangle himself with the affairs of this life. God takes care of the fowls of the air which sow not, neither reap, nor gather into barns. He asked that we consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They toil not, neither do they spin, and yet Solomon in all His glory was not arrayed like one of them. He also clothes the grass of the field which today is and tomorrow is cast into the oven, and then He makes a promise that He will clothe us, and advises that we take no thought of what we shall eat, or drink, or wherewithal we shall be clothed.

God who understandeth and knoweth all our needs would bankrupt Heaven before He would break one of His own sacred promises or let one of His faithful ministers starve or be naked.

HE MUST NOT BE COVETOUS

Covetousness implies excessive desire for what belongs to another. It is a greed for wealth, a craving for that which cannot be legally possessed. Covetousness has always been considered a very great sin, and seemingly a very prevalent one. When God gave the law to Israel, one of the ten important things He gave warning concerning was covetousness. So important did God consider the matter that He dedicated one of the ten commandments to it.

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maldservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's," Exod. 20:17.

This commandment is the standard for the layman, and that of the min-

ister is therefore indeed no lower. The minister of the gospel must be satisfied with his own—his own house, his own wife, his own personal property, and his own church of which he is pastor.

Most ministers seem to be fairly free from coveting wealth. Their greatest temptation seems to be position of honor, a better and bigger church to pastor, or a higher official position. Since Paul did not condemn a minister for desiring to pastor a church, I will not condemn him for wanting a bigger and better one. If there should be sin involved it would be in the method that the preacher might use in obtaining his desires. It is a bad sign, at about pastor-changing time, to see a pastor continually running over to the other fellow's church, and talking with the members, telling them what he would do if he were pastor. All such activities are outward manifestations of the inward sin of covetousness.

HE MUST NOT BE A NOVICE

"Novice" does not mean young in age. A novice is one newly converted to the faith, or one recently received into the church.

A man of mature age might be considered a novice under certain circumstances. Likewise a young man may be an elder if he had started early enough in life, has the proper training and experience, and possesses the necessary qualifications.

In Paul's warning against placing a novice in the responsible position of pastoring a church, he gave the reason why. There is a possibility of his becoming lifted up with pride and falling into the condemnation of the devil.

Every minister must first serve as a novice before being promoted to the eldership or being placed in charge of souls. The young man must first serve as an evangelist or in some other ministerial capacity before he may legally and safely hold the office of a bishop or pastor of a church. The novice must prove himself by serving with patience and sincerity, studying the Bible and other good books, observing the service and activities of the elders who are making success. It is no sin or harm for the novice to desire the office of bishop. Paul said he "desireth a good work," and every young man who feels that he is called to the ministry must strive to improve his ability and bet-

ter qualify himself for the future work that God may have for him to do.

HE MUST NOT DRINK WINE

The pastor is prohibited from drinking intoxicants of any kind. In Paul's day wine was very prevalent. Many people drank it, but Paul prohibited its use by pastors.

The pastor must be very careful to give no offence by drinking or any other indulgence. In our day it is generally accepted as wrong for either pastor or layman to partake of strong drink, therefore there is little necessity of warning the present-day ministry against this evil.

CONCLUSION

We have dealt with the six things that Paul warned Timothy that the pastors MUST NOT BE. This article will be continued next week on the nine things that the pastor MUST BE.

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Northwest Bible - Music Academy

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world in which we live is in a terrible condition. On every hand there is sin and its results; distrust and deceitfulness invading our fair land. Never before has there been such a vast need of workers who are willing to sacrifice and give their service in the vineyard of our Lord. They are needed to go out and combat the enemy who is going about seeking whom he may devour.

I am convinced that the Northwest Bible School can adequately prepare workers fit for the Master's use. Making the most out of life is the desire of each student who attends this great institution. We not only desire to get what life holds for us naturally, but spiritually as well.

An overwhelming tide of spirituality has prevailed in our school this year. A number have received definite calls to foreign fields; others to home missions. Truly it thrills my soul to see young people consecrate their lives in the service of the Lord. I am persuaded to believe that when men and women, boys and girls are filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, and will heed the call of God, they will not only find the harvest plentiful, but will be rewarded with great results from their labors.

We find it hard to express the joy and thankfulness that is flooding our very being for the opportunity we have to attend a school where God is first consulted before each class by kneeling and lifting our voices toward heaven in unity. Truly Bible School means

more to me than I am able to express in words.

The greatest blessing I have received this year was the morning that God called me into His work. It is wonderful to feel the presence and power of the sweet Holy Ghost in our midst, assuring us of our call into the gospel work. We learn that after we become willing to let God have His way in our lives we are happy because we are assured that we are in His divine will. Jesus means all the world to me because He has transformed my life, and has promised me a home in heaven if I obey His call. Praise His wonderful name! I am so happy for the promise He gives that He will never leave us nor forsake us, but will go with us all the way.

I would like to say to those of you who are anticipating going to Bible School "some day," do not put it off another term, but be prepared to enter Bible School next fall. The Lord will make a way for you, and will provide your every need.—Edna Horst, Minot, North Dakota.

SERVICE MEN'S LETTERS

I Know the Lord Is With Me

Dearest Mamma and Dad:

I received your letter today. I can't tell you in words just how glad and happy I was to hear from you again. I wonder how this finds you by now. I hope just feeling fine and getting along well in every way. As for me, I am O. K. and getting-along fine I guess.

Mamma, I'm sorry I haven't written sooner, though I'm sure you understand how this letter writing is for one. I have really been on the go for some time and the truth is I don't have much time to write at all, but there's never a day of my life goes by that I am not thinking of you all at home and I am always wondering what you might be doing.

I guess Papa and Owen are through work by now and so now, Mamma, you can get them to help with the housework and you won't have anything to do this winter but just write letters to your three sailor boys. You have no idea how much your sweet letters mean to me; I enjoy reading every line so much. Mamma, I don't know a thing to write about that would be of interest for you to read. You know there is lots I would like to tell about, where I have

been and all, but as you know that's impossible. I don't receive my mail often and it's just the same old thing every day here, so really there's no news.

Mamma, I spend most of my spare time reading the Bible. I never knew there were so many comforting words in the Bible and, Mamma, I am so glad to tell you this. I know the Lord is with me; I know I am saved. I never fail to pray each day and thank our dear Lord for His love and mercy to me.

Mamma, keep praying for me; I need your prayers and letters more than anything. Write as often as you can.—Willard Dowell Davis S 2/c.

Wonderful Revival

O'DONNELL, Tex.—I am glad to report the wonderful revival that God blessed us with at Clark's Chapel at Point, Texas. I conducted a three weeks' revival there and God wonderfully blessed all concerned. There were five saved and one sanctified at three o'clock in the morning. To see people pray through and start out to live a new life made us rejoice in the Lord. We want to serve Him better and win

more souls for our dear Savior.—Wm. F. Sullivan, evangelist.

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